

Roberto MASIRONI PhD

Although apparently trained as a physiologist in the U.S.A. (he was a faculty member at Emory University Medical School, Department of Physiology), within the WHO organization Dr. Masironi is an international civil servant, whose rôle and title is given as 'Co-ordinator, WHO Programme on Smoking and Health'. This programme reports directly to the Director of the Division of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD). This is not to deny his own personal convictions or his commitment to the cause, but his own rôle is as a servant of an international bureaucracy. Typically his activities are concerned with documentation, submitting reports, and administrative support for international meetings. The irregular bulletin "Tobacco Alert" comes from his unit, as have reports (Developing Countries; Smoking in the Young), guidelines on conducting surveys on smoking etc. and his activities including involvement in all three major WHO reports on smoking. He does sometimes speak at meetings where his tone is sober and factual.

- 1975 • WHO Expert Committee on Smoking and its
 Effect on Health.
 Secretary. (This meeting produced the report
 TR 568 "Smoking and its effects on health").
- 1976 UICC Workshop on Smoking and Lung Cancer,
 Geneva
 Participant.
- 1979 WHO Expert Committee on Smoking Control.
 Secretary (This meeting gave rise to the
 report TR 636 "Controlling the smoking
 epidemic").
- June 1979 Fourth World Conference on Smoking & Health,
 Stockholm
 Speaker. At this time he was still attached
 to the Cardiovascular Diseases Unit at WHO
- September 1980 1st European Symposium on Lung Cancer,
 Chalkidiki
 Speaker
- November 1981 WHO Conference on Tobacco and Youth, Venice
 Speaker
- November 1981 WHO Workshop on Smoking & Health issues in
 developing countries. Colombo
 Secretariat
- 1983 WHO Expert Committee on Smoking Control in
 Developing Countries.
 Secretary. (This body produced TR 695
 "Smoking control strategies in developing
 countries")

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July 1983	Fifth World Conference on Smoking & Health, Winnipeg. Dr. Masironi presented the Director-General's message to the conference.
November 1983	WHO/IATA/ICAO consultative meeting, Geneva. Participant. (The meeting produced a report on aircraft cabin air quality).
June 1984	WHO International Seminar on Smoking & Health, Lusaka Speaker
September 1984	UICC Seminar on Smoking & Health, Jakarta Speaker
October 1984	Member of International Union Against Tuberculosis Committee on Smoking and Health
November 1984	WHO/UICC Workshop on Smoking and Health, Khartoum WHO Secretariat
August 1985	34th International Congress on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence. Toronto. WHO representative.

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2. "Cigarette smoking in young age groups: geographic prevalence"
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3. "International action in fighting the tobacco smoking epidemic: the rôle of WHO"
Proceedings, 1st European Symposium on Lung Cancer, Chalkidiki, (September 1980), Excerpta Medica, (1982), pp. 18-31.
4. "Smoking in developing countries"
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